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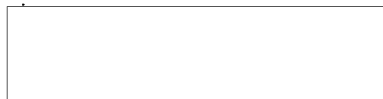
FEDERATION SAYS PURGE MAY LEAD
 TO COLLAPSE OF NORTH KOREAN CULTURE

In connection with the recent purge of North Korean leaders, including
 Yim Hwa, Yi Won-cho, Sol Chong-sik, and other cultural leaders, the Tonga Ilbo
 of 14 August 1953 quoted a spokesman for the All-Korea Federation of Cultural
 Organizations as saying:

"We realize more strongly than ever the possibility of the collapse of
 culture within the North Korean Communist society due to the purge of cultural
 leaders. This purge is good proof of how thoroughly the Communists are revolt-
 ing against humanism."

The paper also reported that the P'yongyang radio had announced that Yim
 Hwa, Yi Won-cho, and Sol Chong-sik had been sentenced to death, along with Pak
 Hon-yong, and that all other cultural leaders who came from South Korea had
 been branded as reactionaries.

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